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Because the *Massachusetts* case was wrongly decided, and because of the importance of the case, the House on June 29, 2012, filed a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking Supreme Court review of the First Circuit’s decision. *See Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group of the U.S. House of Representatives v. Gill*, S. Ct. No. 12-13. A copy of the House’s petition for certiorari is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The House’s petition sets forth the reasons why the Supreme Court should review—and reject—the First Circuit’s “intensified scrutiny” standard of review and its ruling that DOMA is unconstitutional. For the same reasons, this Court should follow neither *Massachusetts* nor *Windsor*.

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I hereby certify that on July 18, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing Response of Intervenor the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group of the U.S. House of Representatives to Jennifer Tobits' Notice of Supplemental Authority with the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania using the CM/ECF system. I further certify that all parties in this case are registered CM/ECF users and will be served by the CM/ECF system.

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